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- In view of the voluminous nature of references [list as appropriate], and the likelihood that these references are available to the Examiner, copies are not enclosed herewith.
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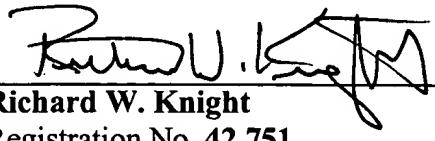
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Enclosed is a copy of the PCT International Search Report dated **January 7, 2004**, which indicates the references to be relevant.

There are no listed references which are not in the English language.

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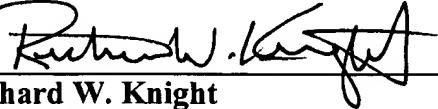
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